The total cost of work is shared on 50:50 basis between Railway and State Government/Road Authorities. However, the cost of acquisition of any land and structures thereon required for approaches or diversion is to be borne by State Government/Road Authorities sponsoring the proposal.

Menace of quacks

†*513. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many quacks are arbitrarily treating the patients by charging them high fees after opening their own clinics without having the required license and proper degree;

(b) whether treatment by such quacks is risky for the patients' health; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or being taken by Government to close down these clinics together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAM DOSS): (a) to (c) According to the provisions contained in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956,.the Indian Medical Central Council Act, 1970, and Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, no unregistered practitioner can practice medicine. Provisions exist in these Acts to take action against unregistered practitioners of the medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the Provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under the respective Acts. However, it is for the State Government to take action against the clinics that are run without proper License.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.